

EVER LEARNING AND NEVER ABLE

2 Tim. 3:6-9

2 Timothy 3:5...form of godliness, appearance of being godly
denying: reject, contradict.

Power: might, supernatural strength from God.

turn away. Avoid, shun. Don't become companion

2 Timothy 3:6...For of this sort: from among these evil doers

Creep: to envelope in, to hide in, to put on or to clothe with;

They worm their way into homes.

Use ploys or deception to get into homes...

and lead captive: capture, subjugate, bring under control,

silly women: Little – foolish, weak-minded, weak-natured, spiritually dwarfed.

Hend: *Women who do not amount to much...they are easy marks for the false prophets.*

laden with sins, heap together; heap up, loaded down with, overwhelmed.

Never learned importance of clear conscience.

Result: easy prey to false teachers

Wuest: *And that method of getting relief from a sin-laden conscience, is the embracing of a false religion, ...*

Sinful women--easy prey to false doctrine.

A man's morality always dictates his theology.

Led away: to move, impel, motivated by

Divers lusts: different kinds of cravings, passionate desires.

Hend: *They desire to find an easy way out of their guilt complex, desire to gain recognition, to be considered "well-informed" to satisfy their curiosity, to have attention bestowed upon them by "prominent" representatives of the opposite sex...*

Different types of weakness:

1. Moral.
2. Intellectual.

2 Timothy 3:7 unstable, gullible, credulous.

Kretzman: *...smooth, slick-talking religious agents with ingratiating clinging methods, insidiously introducing themselves, often as fatherly confessor brothers with a high grade spirituality and great sanctity, actually taking such women captive body and soul. Women are their special prey.*

Not influential with all women.

- Chloe – church of Corinth.

- Phoebe – Romans 16
- Lydia – church of Philippi
- Eunice-godly mother of Timothy
- Mary – mother of John Mark
- Dorcus/Tabitha – known for her good deeds
- Mary of Bethany – servant to Jesus
- Esther, Debra, Hannah, Rebecca, Ruth.

Gen.3 --serpent 1st deceived Eve.

Elliot: It was also employed by the Gnostics, and has been the regular ploy of religious commercial travelers right up to and including the J.W's of our own day.

Knowledge: epignosis: experiential knowledge. Internalization of truth.

Precise and correct experiential knowledge.

True submission from heart

Practical application of Word.

Truth: God's truth as it pertains to responsibilities of man in relation to morals and spirituality.

Ever learning. Taking it all in. Thirsty for more knowledge.

Hend: They are eager disciples taking it all in, as with rapt attention they sit down to listen to their licentious teachers and to admire them. But their unwillingness openly to confess and to resist the evil promptings of their nature results in their being "never able to arrive at the acknowledgment of the truth as revealed in the gospel.

Willing to listen to everyone and anyone.

Little conviction of their own.

Like little boats tossed to and fro by the storm and carried about with every word of doctrine. Ephesians 4:14

Motivated by morbid love of novelty

Why don't learn the truth?

v.5: they have form but deny truth

v.6: Immoral and deceptive.

v.7: Knowledge but no moral application

2 Peter 1:5 ... add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

Virtue: moral excellence.

Knowledge: seeking to know, enquiry, investigation

2 Timothy 3:8 Jannes and Jambres: this is a reference to something that happened in Ex. 7-9.

Magicians

Well known among Jewish writers and historians.

Imitators, counterfeits, pretenders.

Miracle of lice..couldn't imitate.

Moses' serpent ate up theirs.

Later became converts, proselytes to Jewish religion.

Later talked children of Israel into making and worshipping golden calf.

resist: hostile toward, oppose, withstand, stand against.

Truth: Vines: the reality lying at the basis of an appearance; the manifested, veritable essence of a matter.

Sincerity and integrity of character

How resist truth?

By imitating and counterfeiting.

They deny authority Word of God.

Substitute own philosophy and wisdom.

Corrupt: spoil entirely, depraved, destroyed, changed from sound condition to unsound.

Contaminated, rotten and debased.

men of corrupt minds, Their perception and understanding is depraved and contaminated.

Feelings, judgment and decisions are rotten and corrupt.

Reprobate: not standing the test, rejected, not approved by God, morally perverted, defiled,

Rom 1:21-25 Digression of individuals/nations.

God gives over to reprobate mind

Be careful what you subject mind to

Lenski: The mind is the one avenue through which the truth reaches the heart (inner personality, the will). If that avenue is corrupted, the truth cannot get through, cannot even reach the heart to cleanse and to free it.

Colossians 2:8

Truth always rises to top.

Error always gets exposed.

God's word always prevails.

2 Timothy 3:9 ***But they** false teachers and cultists shall proceed no further: to lengthen out by hammering; to promote, further, gain ground **for their folly senseless**, lack of understanding, madness, false teaching **shall be manifest** become obvious, made clear **unto all men, as theirs also was**. Jannes and Jambres finally exposed.*

Wiersbe: ...and made fools by the judgment of God.

Wuest: *In the case of Jannes and Jambres – Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods, they failed to produce lice, they could not stand before Moses because of the boils which they were afflicted by...*

SO WHAT?

1. Commit to Moral purity.
2. Guard thought-life!
 - 1 Pet 1:13 Gird up loins of your minds.
 - 2 Cor 10:4-5 Cast down imaginations...
 - Col 2:8 Beware of wrong philosophy
 - Eph 4:22-24 Put off the old man...be renewed in the spirit of your mind...put on the new man.
3. Be on target with the faith. (reprobate concerning the faith)
 - Salvation
 - Authority of the Word of God.